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For: SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR INJECTING CATALYST AND / OR
ADDITIVES INTO A FLUIDIZED CATALYTIC CRACKING UNIT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 1, 2009, Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, which comprises claims 1-31 and 46-79.

It is stated in the Restriction Requirement that the special feature of Group I relates to the loading unit of the recited system being charged by particulate material with the aid of vacuum and emptied with aid of pressure and that this feature is not shared by Group II, which comprises claims 32 -45 and 80-85. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Briefly, dependent claim 34 of Group II recites maintaining a vacuum to draw particulate from a first and second storage bin, and further recites that the loader in the system is capable of being pressurized to inject the particulate into a FCC unit. A number of claims in Group II are dependent on claim 34, and accordingly, most of the dependent claims in Group III (all except claims 32, 35, 41 and 44) possess the feature identified for Group I.

It is further stated that Group II is directed to a system which has the special technical feature of a loading unit connected via valves with two separate storage bins, and this feature is not shared with Group I. Applicants request reconsideration. Claim 1

of Group I recites “at least one storage bin” and therefore expressly contemplates two (or more) storage bins. Even further, a number of dependent claims in Group I, e.g., claims 14, 29, 52, 58, 64, and 69, expressly refer to two storage bins or “another” storage bin, therefore providing for two bins. It is therefore submitted that Group I does share the feature identified for the claims for Group II.

Applicants therefore request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and prosecution of all claims pending in the above-mentioned patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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